

DECLARATION

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or the below named inventors are the original, first and joint inventors (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **SELF-CENTERING ENERGY DISSIPATIVE BRACE APPARATUS WITH TENSIONING ELEMENTS**, the Specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto.
☒ was filed on September 1, 2006 as Application Serial No. 10/591,381.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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(Number)	(Country)	(Date Filed)	Yes/No
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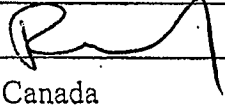
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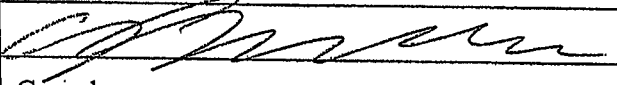
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